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MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR (PLANS)

SUBJECT : PSB Luncheon, 18 December 1952

The following items concerning PSB discussed at the subject luncheon will be of interest to you:

a. Formal PSB Meeting

The next formal PSB meeting is to be held Thursday, January 15, 1953. At this meeting it is expected that there will be presented to the Board papers on the following subjects:

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PSB Quarterly Report to NSC.

It was pointed out that possibly these papers would not be in polished and finished form in view of the shortness of time. However, the Board considered it worthwhile to receive such papers for approval in substance, with the polishing up to be done later. This applies also to any other papers that can be completed in time for the meeting.

b. FY 1954 Escapee Budget (PSB D-18a/5)

The Board was informed of the negative attitude of the Bureau of the Budget in this respect. It appears that the Board's position as outlined in the report of the formal meeting of October 30 (Agenda Item No. 3) was not thoroughly understood by the Bureau of the Budget. It was agreed that representation of the highest level would be made in this respect.

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c. Policy of Asylum

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The Acting Chairman obtained the Board's approval of the 10/5 paper (CIA TS 76686).

The above information may be made available to your staff as you deem necessary.

  
Executive Assistant  
to the Director

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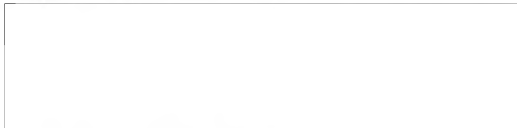
**Subject:** PSB Midday Meeting, December 18, 1952,  
in General Smith's Office.

**Present:** David K. E. Bruce  
William C. Foster  
W. Bedell Smith  
Alan G. Kirk

The following items concerning PSB were acted upon by the Board:

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**2. Possible New Planning Assignments**

In connection with the memorandum discussed at the Midday Meeting of December 10, the Board's attention was drawn to the desirability of adding to the list the question of the "liberation" of the Satellite

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states from the Soviet yoke: It was apparent this was a delicate topic in view of the imminent change of Administration, but Admiral Kirk was authorized to have his own staff make a kind of tentative exploration of what this project might mean.

3. Doctrinal Warfare

A Study by a panel, with Mr. Francis Stevens of the State Department in the chair, is in progress. The Board indicated its desire to have a brief, one-page presentation at the January 15 meeting on the progress of this study. This item is not to be on the agenda for the formal meeting, but in the event any pattern is evident from the preliminary study, the Board would like to be apprised thereof.

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Alan G. Kirk,  
Director.

cc: General Smith ✓

Extracts from Para. 1  
furnished Panel chairmen,  
etc.

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